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1. REFTEL REPORTED QUERY BY UK ALTERNATE CCD REP ABOUT
WHETHER IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO CONSIDER NON-FIRST-USE
FORMULATIONS IN LIGHT OF REPETITIVENESS OF WARSAW PACT
PROPOSALS FOR WP-NATO NON-FIRST-USE AGREEMENT.

2. IN OUR VIEW, NATO DECEMBER MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE,
WITHITS REJECTIONOF WP PROPOSAL IN PARA 3,
HAS PROVIDED A USEFUL GUIDEPOST TO ALLIED OFFICIALS
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ON THE WP PROPOSAL AND HAS HELPED AVOID AN UNCLEAR
SITUATION THE SOVIETS COULD EXPLOIT. IN LIGHT OF WP
EFFORTS TO KEEP THEIR PROPSOAL ALIVE, IN A MANNER DESIGNED
TO DIVIDE THE ALLIES AND TO DEFLECT ATTENTION FROM IMPLE-
MENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT AT BELGRADE, WE BELIEVE IT
WOULD BE UNWISE TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE FORMULATIONS
AS A RESPONSE TO THE WP, AT NATO OR ELSEWHERE, AND THAT SUCH
SUGGESTIONS SHOULD BE FIRMLY DISCOURAGED.

3. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY UK PROPOSALS ALONG THE LINES

MENTIONED REFTTEL. THE UK DELEGATION AT NATO URGED MAKING CLEAR THE UNACCEPTABILITY OF THE WP PROPOSAL IN THE NAC COMMUNIQUE, AND RECENTLY JOINED US IN DISCOURAGING AN ITALIAN SUGGESTION FOR DISCUSSING AT NATO HOW TO RESPOND TO CONTINUED WP EFFORTS TO REVIVE THE NON-FIRST-USE PROPOSAL ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE UK CONSIDERED PARA 3 OF THE DECEMBER NAC COMMUNIQUE FULLY ADEQUATE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

4. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REPEAT REF B TO ADDRESSEES AS APPROPRIATE. STRAUSS-HUPE

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